Tom White's Book of Revelation Comparison Matrix: (First written: 11/2021)

In the following pages I briefly compare the interpretations of the Book of Revelation verse by verse by at least five (5) different religious viewpoints.
The First column is the text or summary from ***Revelation***.
The Second column is the ***Historicist*** *position.*
The Third column is the ***Preterist*** position.
The Fourth column is the ***Futurist*** position.
The Fifth column is the **Idealist / Spiritual** position
The Sixth column is the **Adventist** position, Millerism, Russellism, and JW.org opinions.

The ***Historicist*** interprets biblical prophecy & symbols with historical persons, nations, or events. The main primary texts of interest to Christian historicists include apocalyptic literature, such as the Book of Daniel and the Book of Revelation. It sees the prophecies of Daniel as being fulfilled throughout history, extending from the past through the present to the future. It is sometimes called the continuous historical view. E.B. Elliott defines historicism as "*that view which regards the prophecy [of Revelation] as a prefiguration of the great events that were to happen in the church, and the world connected with it, from St. John's time to the consummation; including specially the reign of Papal Rome, as in some way or other the fulfilment of the types of the Apocalyptic Beast and Babylon*"

The ***Preterist*** understands John's symbolic language to speak prophetically about specific historical events, most all of which were accomplished in the first century. They focus on John's context in the first century Roman Empire where Rome is the enemy of Christians. Their position generally follows an ***A-Millennial*** narrative with the church currently in the "millennial age" and the final judgement and return of Christ are not central in John's vision.

The ***Futurists*** believe that most prophesies in Revelation will be fulfilled within a brief time directly before Christ's return. They take a ***Pre-Millennial*** position with 3 basic interpretations: the classical dispensationalist, the progressive dispensationalist, and the covenant premillennialist.
Classical dispensationalists – Revelation view began with John Nelson Darby idea that a distinct line is drawn between Israel and the church, with future prophesies still to be accomplished on earth in Natural Israel's history. The church age is an interlude until the full revival of the Jewish people. Then God will fulfill his promise to Israel and restore their land. The church will be raptured before the Great Tribulation, and God's people Israel will endure the Tribulation. Many link the creation of the state of Israel in 1948 with end of time prophesies in Revelation. They look for a temple to replace the Muslim Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem.
Progressive dispensationalists – accept that much of Revelation has partial fulfillment the first century, but specific events are yet to be fulfilled. Not all progressives see the signs of chapters 6-18 as happening sequentially, nor a literal seven-year Tribulation. Jesus Christ will reign a thousand years (not literal 1,000 years), in an earthly kingdom before the eternal state, an "already, not yet state." Christs death and resurrection inaugurated the new age, but that new age will not fully come until Christ's 2nd coming. Christians live in tension between these two eras.
Covenant premillennialists - much the same as progressive dispensationalist, except they do not hold a special place for a restored Israel, nor is Israel sharply distinguished from the church as God's people. They see a strong continuity in God's redemption history, especially highlighting Christ's first coming. They accept that prophecy may have an immediate, historical fulfillment and a future, eschatological fulfillment.

The ***Idealist or Spiritualist*** views Revelation as a symbolic description of the perpetual struggle between good and evil. The church continually faces persecution and wonders whether evil will win. But Revelation affirms the ultimate destruction of Satan and evil and the final victory of God and His people. Most idealists are ***A-Millennial*** and the best way to interpret Revelation is with a nonliteral interpretation.

Other includes - JW.org summary of the Jehovah's Witness publication; "Revelation, Its Grand Climax At Hand." JWs have stopped setting dates for the end of times while confidently setting them for the past. Origins from the Millerites and Adventist pioneers of the nineteenth century. Note the differing teaching of The International Bible Students & **Charles Taze Russell** vs the significant revisions made by **Joseph Franklin Rutherford** starting around 1930 when their theology completely changed. Millerism.

Note that few scholars read Revelation through only one hermeneutical lens. There is a lot of crossover between the above positions.

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Many of these opinions vary and there is disagreement within each group. These are some of the main views and possibilities of each belief over time.	**Historicists**. *Presentist,* The events of Revelation are now in the process of fulfillment. Surveys the whole of church history. God revealed the entire "Church Age" in advance through the symbolic visions of Revelation.	The **Preterist** position views Revelation as a message of hope and comfort to first century believers, offering them an expectation of their deliverance from Roman persecution and oppression. **Believes most prophesies have been fulfilled in the past.**	**Futurists** believe the bulk of Revelation refers to events to come. Takes a more literal view of the visions, reducing difficulties of interpreting symbols. Not all futurists are Dispensationalists.	**Spiritual** principles within the book of Revelation but little or no references to specific literal events or persons. most aspects of Revelation are held to be symbolic. Viewed as a great drama. **Millennium rejected** Taking a literal approach to Revelation is problematic.	**Revelation is mostly taken literal along with symbolism**. "Revelation: Its Grand Climax," **"The Finished Mystery" by Charles Taze Russell.** **Ephesus**-Apostolic age of church, **Smyrna**-church during pagan Rome, **Pergamos**-church at rise of antichrist, **Thyatira**-church during dark ages, **Sardis**-church dawn of Reformation,
CH 1 -3 - Lord in white robe, holding 7 stars, 7 lampstands, feet of bronze, fire in eyes, key to Hades. **7 CHURCHES-SEVEN LAMPSTANDS**	The letters contain a cryptic reference to the conditions in which the whole church would be found in varying times in her history. Church of Ephesus represents the church in John's day. Laodicea stands for the church at the end of times.	Letters apply to the seven churches as they existed in John's time. As with all biblical letters, application to similar churches of any time is acknowledged.	Sides with Preterist & Historicist, though they see the reference to the "things which shall take place," as referring to the end of our present age.	The purpose of the book as communicating to the whole church the facts of God's sovereignty in history and His vindication of the righteous. The 7 churches symbolize the church of all times. and the letter apply to all relevant.	**Philadelphia**-during Reformation, **Laodicea**-church in the time of the Lord's second presence, Charles is the messenger of Laodicea Church. Jesus the son of God presents himself before John. 7 stars are the 7 angels of the 7 churches. 7 lampstands = 7 churches.
CH 4 – Jasper stone, 24 elders, 4 creatures wings, 7 lamps spirits, Sea of glass	Calls attention to the sovereignty of God. The Sanhedrin at Jerusalem had 23 elders. & **lamps are the Holy Spirit.**	Heavenly courtroom scene with Judge sitting on the throne. The 24 elders appear just to complete image of a court and actually do nothing. The 4 living creatures are angels.	The things that must take place after "The Church Age" The 24 elders as NT saints who were Raptured into heaven. **Church has been raptured (Rev 4:1)**. **Lamps are the Holy Spirit**. The 4 living creatures represent the attributes of God.	Act #2 of 7 acts. "This is the vision I saw next." This is not the Rapture.**24 elders are celestial representatives from both the OT & NT. Number 24 = 12 patriarchs and 12 apostles. 4 living creatures are the cherubim from Ezekiel.**	**The anointed ones of the Christian churches**. 24x6,000=144,000? Sea=cleansing word of God. Ezekiel saw these. **C. RUSSELL-personification of 24 elders, prophets not in heaven yet, Job describes a Steam Engine (Job 40:15-41:34). Russell describes picking up the prophets by train.**
CH 5 – Scroll with 7 seals, slain Lamb with 7 horns & 7 eyes = 7 spirits of God. Who is worthy?	The designs of God relative to His Government of the world and of the Church**. 7 horns & 7 eyes = power, knowledge & wisdom. Reign on earth**	The sentence handed down by the judge against Jerusalem for its part in shedding righteous blood. Prayers of saints, most likely Christians.	The little scroll is simply a DEED to the earth**. The 7 eyes = fullness of spirit of God**. The reign of the saints on earth, many unsaved live on earth during Millennium.	The scroll is the "redemptive plan of God." "God's Last Will & Testament." Jesus connected to Judah's tribe and David's line = pedigree foretold. Eyes = omniscience, Horns=omnipotence. Fulfillment of Daniel 7:9-14.Saints now spiritually reign on earth.	Jesus is the lamb. 7 horns=power. 7 eyes= God's spirits. 24 elders represent the 144,000? Christians only? **C. RUSSELL- the scroll is the Divine Plan, not the Bible. The strong angel is personification of THE LAW.**
CH 6 – Lamb opens 1st seal, White Horse and one with a bow, crown, conquering.	Period of Roman empire after 96CE and death of Domitian. Emperor Nerva with his bow, Nerva was Cretan, known bowmen. Maybe the fall of Jerusalem 70CE. Maybe Jesus?	Events leading to Destruction of Jerusalem 70CE. Rider either Vespasian or Titus, head of Roman armies. Possibly Jesus going to war against his murderers.	Tribulation begins. Most believe rider is the Antichrist , riding to conquer the world, his crown acquired by conquest, given power by the dragon Satan. A great counterfeit Leader.	Most probably it is our Lord in white, riding the horse. The progress of the gospel in the world.	Warfare that is clean & righteous. Jesus on white horse.-JW.org **C. RUSSELL- White horse is doctrines & teachings of the Church, Rider is Bishop of Rome or Pope, representing Satan, the bow is bending tongues and lies, Crown given by Emperor Constantine. Pontifex Maximus Conquering.**

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CH 6 – Lamb opens 2nd seal, Fire Red Horse, great sword, take peace away.	Period of Roman accession from 180CE-284CE Diocletian. Civil wars and bloodshed of Roman Empire. Beginning of the end of Roman Empire. **"To take peace from the earth."**	"The loss of peace from the earth." Civil wars among Jews.	Suggests bloodshed and time of war, Hal Lindsey identifies as Russia. Large sword=power of nuclear bomb.	War in general, civil war. Persecution of the church follows the spread of Christianity.	Unrighteous war by men. Great sword = modern destructive equipment by men. **C. RUSSELL- Red is sin, rider is same antichrist, Pope is the head of false church beginning 325AD to 539AD, Sword out of papacy mouth**
CH 6 – Lamb opens 3rd seal, Black Horse, rider with balance scales. **FAMINE**	Fiscal oppression by 3rd century emperors. Heavy taxation. Food shortages in 70 CE.	Famine & Food shortages. Jews in Jerusalem 70 CE.	Famine brought on by warfare in the previous seal.	Consequences of war, famine comes as judgement upon sinners, God ordained drought.	Stark Famine. JW.org **C. RUSSELL-common people had to pay to hear word of God through Latin, Clergy replace scripture with ugly creeds, & rules of councils,**
CH 6 – Lamb opens 4th seal, Pale Horse with rider named Death, Hades follows, power over fourth of earth. **DEATH**	20 years of shame and misfortune 248 – 268 CE, 5,000 died per day in Rome.	To kill, with Death. Pestilence.	End of times tribulation, Death and Hell attack humans.	Name is Death.	Name is Death, Spanish Flu. **C. RUSSELL- rider is antichrist, the papacy is Death, teachings that God's true people must be exterminated, crusades, pardons by pope, Pre-Reformation Period.**
CH 6 – Lamb opens 5th seal, souls under golden altar, each given a white rope and asked to wait longer. **MARTYRS OF CHRIST**	The church under Diocletian 284 – 303CE started persecuting Christians (era of the martyrs). A little while longer.	Just like the blood of sacrificial animals, so the souls of the martyrs under the altar.	Persons martyred during the Tribulation period. After the rapture of the church, martyrs cannot be Christians of the church era. **Mounce** believe they were Christian.	Martyrs of Christ died for their faith. Sacrificial character of their death, thus their souls are under the altar.	Slaughtered souls rewarded. Rest a little longer. The first resurrection started 1914? **C. RUSSELL-Luther's Reformation, slain men under altar, sleeping saints raised in 1878, Luther proclamation in 1518 + 360 yrs. = 1878. First resurrection.**
CH 6 – Lamb opens 6th seal, great earthquake, black sun, moon became blood, stars fell to earth, heaven departed as a scroll being rolled up. Every mountain & island moved. Every man hid himself in mountains & rocks. Wrath of Lamb.	The fall of Paganism to Christianity in the Roman Empire. Metaphor for political or spiritual revolutions. The division of the Empire in 395 CE between the East and the West. **Clarke** writes: All these things may literally apply to the final destruction of Jerusalem, or the revolution under Constantine, or the day of judgement.	**David Clarke**: The vision depicts the end of the Jewish state and the fall of its leaders. A lot of the language used is the same as Old Testament. The biblical symbols represent strong social and political powers, men in high places like kings, priests.	**Ironsides**: Not a worldwide earthquake, rather the destruction of the present order; political, social, an ecclesiastical, reduced to chaos. Others take it quite literally. **Hal Lindsey** contends that this seal describes the first nuclear exchange.	The most common view is the 2nd coming of Christ. Some see these calamities as representing the judgement of God upon those who were oppressing Christians in John's day.	Times of darkness and catastrophe. great earthquake, black sun, moon became blood, stars fell to earth, heaven departed as a scroll being rolled up. Every mountain & island moved. Every man hid himself in mountains & rocks. Wrath of Lamb. **C. RUSSELL- Lisbon earthquake Nov 1, 1755, killed 90,000, darkness was Pope being fined and imprisoned by Napoleon of France 1780, Teachings of Evolution, stars fell on Nov 13, 1833 meteor shower, scroll rolled was Protestant sect forms a union, organized labor unions hide in the hills.**

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CH 7 – 4 angels on 4 corners of earth, holding 4 winds. Another angel from east rising sun, Shouting "Do not harm the earth or sea until we seal the slaves of God."	The threatening tempest of Barbarians who would be unleashed against the Roman Empire. Impending wars that led to Rome's demise. The winds of Error came into the church during Constantine. Not one Christian perished in 70 CE. Escaped to Pella.	Before any disaster , God can identify his faithful ones and set them apart for a separate fate. The Jewish Christians in Jerusalem escaped to safety prior to the siege and destruction. All left the city and escaped to Pella (Historian Eusebius wrote)	Four quarters of the earth? Angels in control of natural elements?	Not the sequence of the events, but only the order which the visions were presented to John. Who will be able to stand? Those who have the seal of God on their foreheads.	Destructive judgement getting ready to be let loose on a wicked earth. Holding back until appointed time. 5th angel un-named but must be Jesus Christ. Jesus is an Archangel. **C. RUSSELL-4 angels are the fleshly Little Flock, holding back the demons who control the 4 winds until the day of judgement, as Satan is the Prince of the air, the voice of the Lord not identified. Until we: is the Lord of harvest and 4 angels.**
CH 7 – And the number sealed was **144,000 out of every tribe of Israel**. Lists all 12 Tribes of Israel. **144,000 MENTIONED ONLY 2 TIMES In The Entire Bible.**	**Elliot and Barnes**: The 144,000 symbolic of the entire church, the Israel of God. Some thought this to be a select number of Jews to be spared at the destruction of Jerusalem. Others believe it to be more generally applied to God's chose remnant in the world.	The 144,000 is a symbolic number representing the full number of Jewish Christians who escaped the doomed city of Jerusalem 70CE to Pella. The first fruits of God. The Church-age. If they represented some future group at the end of times, they would be called **the last fruits** of God.	During the great Tribulation, a Godly remnant of 144,000 Jewish people will be sealed. There are many sects today that claim to be the 144,000. The church is not divided into 12 tribes. They bear great testimony, preachers of the gospel of the kingdom, as a witness to all nation before the end comes.	The church as the true and spiritual Israel. Does not apply to ethnic Israelites, no distinction between Jewish Christians and Gentile counterparts, multiracial multitude. The number 144,000 is symbolic.	The "John Class" anointed, the remnant still on earth, instantly changed at death and go to Christ in heaven. Began at Pentecost 33CE. The listing does not literally identify fleshly Jews. Christian church is the chosen race, replacing natural Israel as God's nation. **C. RUSSELL-The number 144,000 is definite and set for those of full reward "Crowned Little Flock" ruling as Kings with Christ. Two degrees of Heavenly Salvation, the lesser is "uncrowned" The Great Company including Abram, Isaac, Jacob, Daniel, the Princes of the earth. The Ancient Worthies.**
CH 7 – A great crowd out of every nation, tribe, peoples, and tongue, with white robes and palms in hands. The ones coming out of the great tribulation, God spreads tent over them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, every tear will be wiped from their eyes. **GREAT CROWD - PRIMARILEY GENTILES**	Elliot & Barnes; Showing this multitude in heaven is intended to encourage the church of its heavenly triumph. Distinct from the 144,000 numbered Jews save in the church, the number of Gentles will be innumerable and of every ethnic category.	John show the Jewish saints that would escape the tribulation of AD 70. The Lord shows him the great thong of Gentiles who will be saved as a result of God's disowning of His rebellious wife and children and seeking a new family. Judaism came to a formal end. The universal gospel was proclaimed to all nations.	Salvation of the Jewish remnant the 144,000, and even greater number of Gentiles will be brought to Christ by their testimony during the Tribulation. They missed the Rapture. They will enter the millennium having forever inferior status of that of the church. Not First-Class Saints. Some believe Gentiles are saved on earth. There is no such thing as a rapture of the church before the great tribulation?	The 144,000 represent the church as sealed by God on earth, the innumerable multitude is the church finally glorified in heaven. The Church is made up of many nations. No particular time for suffering the great tribulation. The redeemed are forever in the care of the Lamb who will shepherd and lead them. God will wipe out every tear from their eye.	A great crowd out of every nation. **Millions will never die. 1918-1925.** Earthly paradise, not heaven. Only a minority of mankind will make up the great crowd. **C. RUSSELL-Two degrees of Earthly Salvation, those who are friendly towards the Truth vs those who stand for the Truth. Those who keep their robes spotless and those who must wash their robes in the blood of Christ, neither is immortal thus needing food and drink to sustain perfect life. A great crowd of multitude requiring the help of The Great Company, those who stand before the Throne and police the people of the earthly kingdom.**

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CHURCH AGE	Started with the death of Jesus Christ	Started with the death of Jesus Christ	Started with the death of Jesus Christ	Started with the death of Jesus Christ	The word Church not used by JWs
CH 8 – Opened 7th seal, heaven silenced for ½ hour, seven angels with 7 trumpets, angel with incense sending up prayers for the saints of the golden altar. Casts censer to earth and occurred thunder & lightning, earthquakes.	A half an hour in heaven equivalent to 70 years in Roman history. The short period when the 144,000 were sealed. Temporary time of peace for the church on earth. Angel offering incense is Jesus Christ. The saints here are those slain by Rome during the era of the martyrs.	A half an hour is the time required for a priest in the temple to offer incense and prayer. A quiet time from the martyrs cries and complaints. For Israel the trumpet is an instrument used to rally the troops for war or to warn of an invasion.	A silence that precedes an onslaught of judgements, ie, a silence before a foreman delivers a verdict in a court room. They are the saints of the Tribulation days who are living on earth. The angel is Christ doing his priestly duties.	For a half an hour, heaven is in awestruck silence, anticipating the completion of God's purposes. Prelude to ACT III. The 7 trumpets do not follow the seals chronologically.	JW's believe this occurred in 1914. **C. RUSSELL-Jesus opens 7th seal the mystery of God is now fully disclosed, the number of the Elect will soon be filled except for vacancies by some who fall out. The 7 angels feature the Reformation, liberty from the oppressions of the Papacy. And another angel sending up prayers represents the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society which Pastor Russell formed to finish His work, the greatest corporation in the world because since the time of its organization the Lord has used it as His Channel which to make known the Glad Tidings, offering up the prayers for the saints, and casting the censer.**
CH 8 – 1st trumpet sounded, hail & fire mixed with blood cast on earth, 1/3 of earth burned, all vegetation burned.	Hail is a symbol of God's judgement. The 4 trumpets represent the 4 great blows that fell upon the western Empire beginning of 5th century to 476CE. The Goths & Vandals under Alaric. Calamities on the church, trees and grass represent the church clergy and laity.	All trumpets belong to one time and one event, destruction of the first persecutor of the church. Destruction of trees and green grass may be symbolic of righteous people. Much of the beautiful foliage and trees around Jerusalem were destroyed by the Romans.	Hail, fire, trees, and green grass taken literally. Trees are the great men and leaders while the grass is the ordinary people. Hal Lindsey believes the ecological catastrophes to be direct results of nuclear disaster. Massive air pollution and radiation.	Trumpets here represent warning of an invasion. Only effect 1/3 of men so the judgements are not final and serve as a warning of the great judgement to come. Not tied to any single event.	Christendom is the 1/3rd. **C. RUSSELL-The Lutheran Movement began, Luther's 95 theses, 1/3 were the Germans who became anarchists. Destruction of trees and green grass are symbolic of righteous people.**
CH 8 – 2nd trumpet sounded, great mountain burning cast into the sea, 1/3 of sea became blood, kills 1/3 of creatures, wrecks 1/3 of ships.	Mountain is a natural symbol of strength. Powerful kingdom. A calamity pertaining to the sea. To maritime regions of Rome. The great mountain is the Vandals under King Genseric, the Tyrant of the Sea, destroyed Roman ships and slaughtered mariners, turning the sea into blood.	The destruction of Israel & Jerusalem in the Jewish War AD 66 – 70, both literal and symbolic. Mountain refers to government. The Sea was frequently used in prophesy to symbolize the Gentile Nations. Land signified Israel. Third of the sea became blood, destruction of ships, fish, and mariners.	The revived Roman Empire. The sea is a symbol of the Gentile nations. The Antichrist led coalition fall upon the Gentiles. Some equate the Spiritual Babylon with "false church" or Roman Catholicism. Hal Lindsay points out that it is "something like a mountain", either an enormous meteor or colossal H-Bomb.	The great mountain burning with fire draws from the image of Babylon's fall in the OT. "The sea has come up over Babylon." Or possibly a volcano whose ashes pollute the sea, like the eruption of Vesuvius in AD 79.	Mountains symbolize governments. Governments became Nazi, Fascist, Socialism. **C. RUSSELL-The Anglican Church Movement began, moving the great mountain represented by England, 1/3 was England under Henry VIII.**

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CH 8 – 3rd trumped sounded, great star fell from heaven burning as a lamp, fell upon 1/3 of rivers and waters,	The great star is "Attila the Hun". The scourge of God. Huns were masters of the river. Slaughtered 300,000 men and polluted the river.	Fresh water sources toxic and bitter from decaying corpses that lay in the sea of Galilee.	Symbolic verses literal. Ironside sees fulfilment as applying to the realm of Christendom and the Pope. A comet, or nuclear exchange Hal Lindsey.	The waters are a symbol of the natural resources to sustain human life. Might indicate the derangement of commerce & industry.	Christendom is the great star that fell. Apostates, sectarians. Misleading. Year was 1919. **C. RUSSELL-The Calvinistic Movement began, later becoming Presbyterian, 1/3 part was France.**
CH 8 – The name of the star "wormwood", and 1/3 of the water became as wormwood, many men died because they were bitter.	The springs of water become Wormwood. Banks of the Danube & Po rivers.	The name of this fallen star is Wormwood, a term used in the law of the prophets to warn Israel of its destruction as a result of apostacy.	The antichrist name is Wormwood, stands for great corruption. As for the star, who occupied the highest place in the church? The Pope?	God in the OT refers to himself as "The fountain of living waters". His people have forsaken Him for idols.	Great apostacy. Truth lost and waters became wormwood. Clergy's position of dominance among mankind has been slipping. **C. RUSSELL-Calvin is the name of the star wormwood, replacing the papacy, Many men died in the waters becoming Calvinists.**
CH 8 – The 4th angel trumpeted, 1/3 part of the sun struck, 1/3 part of the moon, 1/3 part of the stars, 1/3 part was darkened.	The sun, moon, and stars represent "the political firmament of Rome." Western Empire came to an end 479AD. The sun, moon, and stars guide governors of the church or the state who are placed in higher orbs.	The Jewish War, imagery used by the prophets to depict the fall of nations. Ruler after ruler who meet their demise.	A reduction of the light of spiritual perception in the Tribulation. Those who reject the all-too adequate light of the Gospel. The sun is the symbol of the highest authority. A shortened day? Nuclear explosion?	Not the result of manmade pollution. Natural calamities relating to the destruction of the Roman Empire, the enemy of God's people.	Christendom is the 1/3rd. **C. RUSSELL-Baptist Sectarian Movement began, Baptist Churches, Baptist believed the OT was completely fulfilled, missing out on the 1/3 light on the prophesies of the Gospel,**
CH 8 – I saw & heard one eagle flying saying woe, to those on earth, 3 more trumpets.	Western Roman Empire destroyed, turns attention to the Eastern Empire and its destruction.	A flying eagle is a flying angel. The 1s woe is the sedition among the Jews, the second woe is besieging the city by Romans, 3rd woe is sacking the city and burning the temple.	Angel should be translated as eagle. The last 3 trumpets will be much more severe.	The calamities which occur through history will become more intense as the end draws near.	Woe, woe, woe message. Directed towards 1/3 of earth most reprehensible. **C. RUSSELL-Great distress to all supporters of Satan's Empire.**
CH 9 – 5th angel trumpeted, star from heaven fall on earth, given key to abyss, opened and came forth Locusts, only harm those without the seal on forehead.	Locust represents the Saracens, Muslim Arabs. Campaigns against Eastern Roman Empire 612-763AD. **Star fallen from heaven was Mohammad.** Targets of the tormenters were corrupt and idolatrous Christians.	Star fallen not a literal star, maybe a high priest, or religious teachers spreading heresies. A **massive demonic delusion** that took over the Jews during the Jewish Wars. Jews went insane, attacking one another.	Locusts as Demons. Demonic possession. **Fallen star the Pope, or Satan himself**? The Key represents a system of teaching and ritual.	Judgement of the Roman Empire, its internal decay. **Locusts represent demonic forces unleashed upon earth**. The fallen angel is probably **Satan**, who releases them from the bottomless pit.	**JW.org- falling star is Jesus. C. RUSSELL-Wesleyan Movement. The 1st Woe – Locusts & Methodism. "Finished Mystery" According to Charles Russell, the star or key holder was John Wesley, in 1728 Methodist, growing is vast proportions, teaching Hell torment.**

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CH 9 – Locusts torment for 5 months, do not kill. Like war horses, golden crowns, face like men, hair like woman, teeth of lion, Iron breastplates, tails like scorpions.	Convert Europe from Christianity to Islam. Some see star fallen as Boniface, 3rd bishop of Rome, others see it as Lutherans. And the Reformation. Martin Luther.	Destroying their own food supplies. Five months the Zealots produced dreadful contests among the peoples.	**The locusts as demonic hordes** released against unrepentant sinners during the Tribulation. Hal Lindsey says locusts are "Cobra Helicopters."	Symbolizes the forces of spiritual evil which are active in the world. The 5 months represents the normal lifetime of a natural locust, a limited duration.	JW.org ***changed their opinion*** of the locusts. **Apollyon is Christ** and His revived Christians in1919, ready to do battle. JWs are modern day locusts, "John Class" remnant causing the clergy much discomfort, stings. *Revised story.* **C. RUSSELL- 5 months or 150 years, tormented Methodists by Locusts until 1878. Apollyon was Satan himself.**
Locust King, Apollyon	Symbol of **Islamic hordes**. Long hair, long beards.	**Demons** set loose in Jerusalem. Satan himself.	Apollyon, high ranking **subordinate of Satan**.	Description of Locust is symbolic of the character of demons. Or **Satan** himself.	Jesus is the angel of the abyss, JWs. Revelation 9
CH 9 - 6th angel trumpeted, Loose the 4 angels in Euphrates river. Prepared for the hour, day, month, year. **EUPHRATES RIVER is NATURAL EASTERN BOUNDRY.**	1/3 of mankind the woe falls on eastern third, Byzantine Empire. Baghdad conquered, convert to Islam. One day = one year. 365 days=365 years	Israel's conquerors came across Euphrates. Hour, day, month, year means invasion was predestined. Daniel's prophesy of 70 weeks.	Four evil angels loosed to kill 1/3 of mankind. Use of Euphrates suggest armies come in from the east. Euphrates was the Empires boundary between east and west. Hour, day, month, year suggests that judgement comes exactly at God's time.	The river Euphrates was the traditional eastern boundary of the promise land and the Roman Empire.	The 2nd Woe. Fleshly Israelites spend 70 years bound to Babylon and the Euphrates river. **C. RUSSELL-Evangelical-Alliance-Spiritism movement began, 1846-48, Adventist Churches, 4 errors are; Trinity, Incarnation of the Son of Man, Immortality of the soul, Clergy are the Divine Institution of Christian ministry. Deny central theme of Scripture that Jesus was only a man while on earth, no Divinity.**
CH 9 – the 4 angels loosed, number of soldiers two myriads of myriads, calvary with breastplates fire-colored, heads of horses like lions, slay 1/3 of men by fire and smoke and Sulphur. Horses tails like serpents, **200 MILLION SOLDIERS**	Two hundred million represent an indefinite number. Blue, red, yellow breastplates of Ottomans war apparel. Guns and artillery of Turks at Constantinople.	Two hundred million not a literal number. Represent Roman armies at the very end of the Jewish wars when the Romans broke through the walls of Jerusalem.	Horsemen are demonic spirits, literal armies described in figurative terms. Orient. Two hundred million is impossible number. Former Soviet Union had about 3 million. Modern mechanical warfare. Hal Lindsey says thermonuclear war with radioactive fallout.	The internal corruption of a wicked culture. Locust wee spiritual armies, the horses were physical armies. Two hundred million not literal. Horses tails represent aftermath of wars.	JWs 1922 onward. Christendom spiritually dead. Killed by Christians. **Charles Russell, 200 million men, 1918 the hour of judgement, 1/3-part Protestant of Christendom, red was Ancient worthies, black was Little Flock, white was the great Company, bay was world of mankind being ridden by Protestant denominations.**

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CH 9 – rest of men not repentant, worshipping demos, idols of gold, wood, stone, etc.	Latin & Greek churches still persisted in idolatrous worship of demons.	Repentance was no longer an option for the Jews.	The survivors that witness these calamities still do not repent.	CS Lewis says: God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains. A significant portion of mankind is destroyed yet fails to bring men to repent.	There will be no world conversation of such unrepentant ones. The wicked will face adverse judgement from God. **C. RUSSELL- Protestants, Teachings of Hell Fire and brimstone.**
CH 10 – another strong angel from heaven, one foot on sea & one foot on land, rainbow on head, face like sun, feet pillars of fire. **Seal up the things the 7 thunders uttered.** **ANGEL IS JESUS CHRIST**	Mighty angel is Jesus Christ, little open book is the Bible, finally being made available to all in different languages. Popes become incredibly corrupt, the antichrist. The Reformation period starts. 7 thunders = 7 crusades and 7 wars of reformation.	The mighty angel is Jesus, the little book is the book of Revelation. Sealing of the message shows that some things God had in store were not going to be fulfilled in John's time.	The angel is Christ himself; the little book stands for the prophesies fulfilled in the Old Testament, and the Great Tribulation of Israel. There are still secrets that God has not seen fit to reveal.	An interlude of the ACTs. Does not follow chronological order. The angel is probably Christ himself. The little book contains prophesies of worldwide significance. Sealing the 7 thunders suggests the whole counsel of God has not been revealed.	Strong angel is Jesus Christ, In 1914 Jesus was installed as King of God's kingdom. Divine purposed sealed till appointed time. **C. RUSSELL- The True Reformation Woe, Angel is the Christ. "Food For The Thinking Christian." Publication.**
CH 10 – Little opened scroll, Take the scroll and eat it, bitter & sweet, you must prophesy again to the nations. **THE MYSTERY OF GOD IS FINISHED**	**There should be delay no longer. The mystery of God is finished**. The little book represents the church's reception of the Bible at the time of the reformation. Preaching.	**There should be delay no longer. The mystery of God is finished.** Command that John must prophesy again.	**There should be delay no longer. The mystery of God is finished.** Feed upon and digest the Word of God. The little book is the Word of God.	**There should be delay no longer. The mystery of God is finished** The scroll is the Word of God. John must prophesy to the people, nations, and kings.	John is to preach according to the nations and peoples. **There should be delay no longer. The mystery of God is finished** **C. RUSSELL- scroll is the Present Truth, 1881, C. Russell is member of the "John Class"**
CH 11 – Measure the shrine of God, Two witnesses have power to prophesy for 1260 days, 2 olive trees & 2 lampstands. 42 months	The temple of God is always the Church, estimate of what constitutes a true church. The 42 months refers to the persecution of the true church by the papal powers. 1260 days. There has always been a true church, true Christians were a very small minority until the Reformation. Fire proceeds from their mouth not taken literally, the plagues are the calamities that fell upon the papacy. Catholic nations persecuted true Christians.	Repeats Ezekiel's actions, eating the book and measuring the temple. Physical temple destroyed except "naos." 42 months represent length of Nero's persecution of the saints, and the 3.5 years of the siege, sack, and pillage of Jerusalem. The 2 witnesses are the heads of state and the heads of the church, government & religion. Could represent the line of prophets, **Moses & Elijah**, Russell names them as St. James and St. Peter. Different opinions.	Identified as the literal Jerusalem, 3.5 years are literal, the earthquake is literal, and the 7,000 men killed is literal. Relates to the second 3.5 years of the 7 years of persecution prophesied by Daniel. Most futurists take the witnesses as **being 2 actual men, possibly Moses and Elijah** themselves. The entire living church at the time of the Rapture will go to heaven without dying.	Temple is **naos**, holy of holies, only the Jewish high priest can enter. The Naos is measured. The 42 months suggest a limited time rather than literal time. Represent thee witnessing church throughout time, the testimony of 2 is true, that is why Jesus sent disciples out 2 by 2.	Justice tempered with mercy by God. The 42 months from October 2014 – 1918 when Christians put to severe test. **C. RUSSELL-The "John Class" at the time of the end. The temple is symbolic which is Christ. The 2 Witnesses are the Old Testament & the New testament, which were bound under sackcloth of dead languages. The power of Satan was broken in 1799. Holy City is The Embryo Kingdom of God.**

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CH 11 – when the witnesses finish, the Wild Beast kills them, and their bodies lay in street for 3 1/2 days, they had tormented the earth.	Persecution can happen anytime during the 1260 years of papal rule, exterminate every trace of resistance to papal authority. War declared against heretics. Christian burial denied for heretics. The whole body of Christendom is now subjected to the Pope, Great city is the "papal city"	Evil beast is the enemy of God and the Church, the location of the witness's death said to be in Jerusalem, where the Lord was impaled.	The beast out of the pit is Satan, beast out of the sea is the world dictator, the beast out of the land is the false religious leaders, The Unholy Trinity or satanic counterfeit of the divine, the revived Roman empire. Worldwide celebration, by means of television media.	The antichristian powers in the world that seek to silence the church witness's, war is made on the church and it is defeated for a short period of 3 ½ days, not years. The two witnesses represent one corporate body, the church. The great city is not literal Jerusalem, rather the world of rebellion against God.	1260 days=42 months. 3 ½ days symbolized the 3 ½ years of WW1 **C. RUSSELL-Deliverance of the Little Flock in 1799, leaving The Great Company still on earth with teaching and priestly duties, The Great Company are the Levite class. Christendom is the Old Roman Empire.**
CH 11 – After 3 ½ days spirit of God entered them and the ascended to heaven, a great earthquake killed 7000 men, Woe #3 coming.	Three and a half years, May 1514 – Oct 1517 when Luther nailed the 95 Theses, the great earthquake is the political convulsions that rocked Europe after reformation. The 7,000 me killed represent the separation of England and 7 other nations from Roman papal.	The loss of political and religious constraint during the Jewish war, Anarchy lasts a little while, but government & religion can't stay dead. The evil time is brief and limited to 3.5 days. The great earthquake associated with the fall of Jerusalem.	The resurrection of the 2 witnesses will be viewed by the world in awe, probably using mass media like TV. An earthquake centered in Jerusalem killing 7,000 men, The two witnesses had stood by the God of the earth Satan, now the God of heaven stood by them. Hal Lindsey says this will bring about the true conversion of many of the Jews.	Many times, in history the witnessing church appeared to be beaten by the world system, only to rise again and be vindicated, Paganism sees the men it hated and killed called up to heaven before its eyes. Ultimately, the church will literally rise to meet the Lord in the air. The great earthquake killing 7,000 men is symbolic representation of the final judgement.	1914 – 1918. Witnesses brought back to life, a rebirth of a nation of Israel after 7-year captive. **C. RUSSELL-Rejection of the Gospel for 3 ½ years, the New and Old testaments are raised up Bibles are printed and circulated by the millions in 300 languages, the Great Earthquake is the French Revolution which fills over 7,000 men 1789-1799.**
CH 11 – The 7th angel trumpeted, the kingdoms of the world become kingdoms of God, Nations wrathful, time for the dead to be judged.	Brings an end to the papal church persecutions, final judgement against the enemy of the Gospel, vindication of those who remained faithful. The Jewish temple no longer exists, but now the spiritual temple the church of Jesus Christ.	Not a declaration that the entire earth has come under the rule of Christ at the end of times. The kingdom was given to Christ at his ascension. Time of the dead refers to the fallen martyrs, not the final judgement of the last day.	The 7th angel heralding in the 2nd coming of Christ to put down opposition, Dispensationalists teaches that Christians are raised at the Rapture prior to the Tribulation and the wicked are raised at the end of the Millennium.	This is the close of the drama of ACT III. No judgement scene here. The Lord is referred to as the one who is, and who was, having returned already at this point. The ark of the covenant seen here is a reminder of God's faithfulness to his coveted people.	Sacred Secret Climax. 1922. Mankind big or small that feared God to be resurrected ***during*** Christs 1000-year reign. **C. RUSSELL-The 3rd Woe brings in the Kingdom of our Lord, C. Russell is the 7th angel voice, apostles raised to heaven in 1878. During the millennium the reaper of the harvest of the Gospel Jesus Christ, raises & judges the dead.**

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CH 12 – A great sign in heaven, woman clothed in sun and moon under her feet, crown with 12 stars. Another sign in heaven, red dragon with 7 heads, 10 horns, 7 crowns. His tail casts 1/3 of stars to earth, The woman bore a son, to shepherd the nations with iron staff, and he was seized to God's throne. The woman fled to desert for 1,260 days,	The woman is the true church, the dragon is Imperial Rome, who represents Satan. Her child caught up to God signified Constantine in 324 AD.	Two different camps, the destruction of Jerusalem, second believes Babylon is the city of Rome. The woman is the faithful remnant of the OT, child is Christ, The dragon with 7 heads & 10 horns is combination of all 4 of Daniel's Beast. 1260 days of persecution.	The woman represents Mary mother, Queen of heaven. Christian Scientists believe she is female founders of the group. Most believe woman is Israel and her child is Christ, the dragon is Satan,	This is ACT IV. The birth of Christ, the woman is OT remnant of Israel, Dragon tries to kill Christ child. Dragon 7 heads speak of universal authority, 10 horn speak of military strength, seven diadems are the political authority. Third of stars are portion of angels who fell to earth with Satan.	Not a literal woman, a symbolic bride, God's symbolic wife, The Jerusalem above. 12 stars represent organization. The son represents the birth of God's kingdom in 1914. Not Jesus himself. Michael is Jesus Christ, chief of the angels, 1,260 days? **C. RUSSELL-The woman is the early Church, the red dragon is the Roman Empire who uses religion to control people, the son is the Papacy ruling with an iron rod, Pope claims to be God on earth, true Christians flee into solitude 1260 yrs. 539 -1799AD.**
CH 12 – Michael & angels make war with dragon. The dragon cast to earth, now is the salvation, the kingdom of God, overcome by the blood of the Lamb, woe to the earth and sea.	The casting out of the dragon was the downfall of Paganism, The Kingdom of our God understood as Rome under Christian Rulers. Woe refers to heretical persecutors arising from within the church.	War in heaven not chronological, explains why the woman had to flee into the wilderness. Chilton makes the identification of Michael as Jesus Himself, just as Charles Russel & Jehovah's Witnesses, archangel, chief of angels. Satan is cast to earth.	God's angels and the forces of Satan war in heaven, Angels under command of Michael, the archangel, introduced in Daniel. Satan and demons now confined to earth. Satan can no longer stand in heaven,	Michael and his angels prevail, celebrates Christs resurrection victory over Satan and beginning of New Covenant Age. Satan's activity now limited to earth, those in heaven rejoicing.	Satan pitched out of heaven, restricted to earth only, woe to those on earth. Persecutions for 1260 days till 1922. **C. RUSSELL-Michael is the Pope acting as God with his bishops acting as angels, they defeat Imperial Rome's civil power, Pagan Rome becomes Papal Rome, Satan on earth.**
CH 12 – The woman is given 2 wings like eagle, to fly to the desert place, where she is nourished a Time+Time+Half of Time, Serpent spews water to carry away the woman, the earth swallows up the flood, dragon enraged and makes war with the rest of her seed, ad God's people.	Decline of the spiritual state of the church after the triumph of Christianity in the Roman empire, the persecution that occurred under heretic Arian emperors. Satan's efforts to subvert the doctrines of men like Augustine and Vigilantius. Christianity is firmly established in the empire; Satan sees the hope in destroying the church in the rise of the Papacy. God protects the true remnant.	The escape of the Judean church from the Roman invasion, The serpent is Satan, the church is flying on wings.	The wings may in part reflect the escape of the Palestine church to Pella in AD 66. Some see the flood as literal, others interpreted to mean evil teachings. Hal Lindsey understands the flood as the overflowing hordes of men and weapons sent after the Jews in the wilderness.	If Satan cannot hurt the Son, he can hurt the son through the mother, 3 ½ years of protection, The flood like a stream of lies, delusions, religionism's, philosophical falsehoods, quasi-scientific dogmas.	Time+Time+Half of Time,= 1,260 days. The dragon persecutes the woman's seed, God's people. The earth swallows the flood providing sufficient relief for God's work to spread over 200 lands. **C. RUSSELL-This woman is True Church, 2 wings are Old Testament & New Testament, the flood is French Revolution, earth is the good order loving people who help the woman.**

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CH 13 – A wild beast out of the sea, like a Leopard, with 10 horns & 7 heads, 10 diadems and name Blasphemy, feet like a bear, mouth of Lion.	Beast of the sea is Rome, 4th beast of Daniel 7, 7 heads are 7 mountains of Rome, in the Pagan days, and revival of paganism. The 1st beast is the papacy political powers, 2nd beast is papacy with ecclesiastical powers, ten horns are Rome's 10 subordinate kingdoms,	"He stood on the sand of the sea", beast represents Gentiles power, Roman empire, Emperor Nero, beast has features of Daniel's 4 beasts, wounded head could be Caesar.	Beast rising out of the sea like Daniel's 4 beasts, Roman Empire, persecutor of the church, Rome & Antichrist. **In Daniel the lion was Babylon, bear was Medo-Persia, leopard was Macedonia, and 10 horned Beast was Rome.**	"He stood on the sand of the sea", 1st beast is incarnation of politico-social evil, any government that opposed God's kingdom, church persecuted by government, the activity of Satan, Beast is Satan. The 2nd symbolizes false religion and philosophy of the world, derived from Daniel 7, successive Gentile world empires.	**Similar beast described by Daniel in 539BC**. Daniel's beast represented 4 kings, another beast a 2-horned ram struck down by a goat with a great horn, Ram stood for Media & Persia and the goat was Greece. The great horn breaks and splits into 4 horns, the 4 kingdoms after Alexander the Great. Political powers of earth are Beasts. UK & USA are the 7th head of the beast. **C. RUSSELL- Sea is the masses not under religious restraint, antichrist is Christendom.**
CH 13 - One of the heads having been slain to death and healed, They worshipped the dragon.	Beast and dragon worship are not religious worship but admiration of the superior one Satan.	Mortal wound of the Roman Empire delivered by the success of the Gospel in the early days.	The world admired the amazing recovery of deadly wound.	Rome represented by the recovered wound.	British Lion, American eagle, Russian bear, and Chinese dragon. **Sword stroke was first World War. Satan is ruler of earth, mankind divided by race, tribe, and nation.** **C. RUSSELL- Wounded head is Papacy, red dragon is Rome.**
CH 13 – Beast given power to act for 42 months, blasphemy against God, make war with the saints., all on earth worshipped him whose name not in book of life. **TWO HORNED LAMB IS ANTICHRIST 666**	Blasphemy is making oneself equal to God, as many Popes have done, for 42 months or 1260 days which equal 1260 years from 533CE to 1793CE French Revolution. Making war with saints Daniel 7, Roman church slaughtering her opponents. Popes let many into captivity and slew many with the sword.	Emperors enforce worshipping themselves, Jews choosing Caesar over Christ guilty of beast worship, war with the saints was persecution of the church by Roman Empire & Nero. The Devil makes war on the seed of the woman.	The 42 months is the 2nd half of the 7-year Great Tribulation, the beasts war with the saints is the dragon's war against the woman and her offspring, Blasphemies are little horn in Daniel 7.	Governments play God and command admiration, beast granted authority to make war with the saints, 42 months identical with time the holy city is trampled, and the 2 witnesses preach, and the woman is in the wilderness. Three and half years between Jesus baptism & ascension.	42 months same as three and a half years in Daniel, from Aug 1914 to May 1918, the sealing of the remaining 144,000. **C. RUSSELL- 42 months is 1260 years, many new sects arose during 1800-1846, Protestants divide up further, more people reading the Bible themselves. Wound healed when King Henry VIII separates from Papal Rome, & indulgences sales.**
CH 13 – Another Beast coming out of earth, had 2 horns like a lamb, fire from heaven, deceives all on earth, make an image of the wild beast to worship, mark on the right hand & forehead. Number of the beast = 666.	Majority agree the 2nd beast is papal Rome, the revived head that received the wound, 2 horn like a lamb imitate Jesus, the false prophet, lamb speaks like a dragon, great signs like fire from heaven, idols speaking, miracles. 666 mark of being Rom Cath.	The beast is symbol of the cult of the emperor, enforced worship of Caesar, 2 horns like a lamb suggest religious nature vs political, false prophet. Value of 7 Hebrew letters is 666 for Caesar Nero in Hebrew.	Imitation of the Lamb of God, a religious leader or counterfeit messiah, a false prophet, the head of the Roman Catholic Church. Predict a cashless society, worldwide economy, Boycott those without the mark.	Second beast seems harmless except for his words like a dragon, reveals nature, false prophet, false religion, and false philosophy, performing great signs. The mark on their hand or forehead was proof of compliance with the antichristian system, 666 is the name of the beast.	Beast with 2-horns is Anglo-American World Power, same as the 7th head, to promote the worship of the 7-head beast, the 7-head beast revived from the sword stroke or WWI, Wild Beast name is 666, Satan uses 666 to mark his worship. **C. RUSSELL-Two horns of antichrist Church of England & Ireland 1538-1871, DOGMA, organized standard doctrines.**

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CH 14 – Behold the lamb standing on MT Zion with 144,000 with God's name on their foreheads, harps playing. **THE 144,000 – MENTIONED 2ND TIME.**	The **redeemed and faithful church** depicted as 144,000, as in chapter 7 triumphant on Mt Zion with Christ, playing harps so must be in heaven.	Same as chapter 7, duplicate scene, The use of label First fruits of God identifies the 144,000 with the first Jewish believers.	Chapter 14 closes up the Great Tribulation and the introduction of the kingdom, the same saints that were sealed in chapter 7, include the distinctly Jewish remnant. Israel is the virgin daughter of Zion.	Majority agree the voice of 144,000 in heaven with Lamb at Mt Zion, these people redeemed from the earth, same as chapter 7.	This Lamb is the same as Michael, Mt Zion is heavenly kingdom of the Messiah, since 1914, with the 144,000 sealed. **C. RUSSELL-Raised the sleeping saints in 1878, the Bride class.**
CH 14 – sing new song, virgins, first fruits of God & to the Lamb, and an angel says Fear God.	Possibly the harpists are singing the new song in heaven and 144,000 are on earth. The new song is the blessed doctrine of the Reformation. The Great Awakening gospel.	Gospel of the kingdom would be preached in all the world, done by the church. The good news that God at last is about to deal with the World in righteousness and establish his sovereignty.	Represent the Jewish believers who kept their purity of worship and have come to know the messiah through great suffering. Former part concerned with Jews, then to Gentiles.	The new song is the song of the New Testament redemption. Different gospels, Everlasting Gospel, Gospel of Grace, Gospel of the kingdom…	Only the 144,00 can sing, Beginning in 1914, the 24 elders. Spiritual virginity, Three first fruits; Jesus, 144,00 and great crowd. **C. RUSSELL-the first fruits are the 144,000 redeemed from earth, false woman is Babylon**
CH 14 – A 2nd angel says: She has fallen, **Babylon has fallen,** **FIRST MENTION OF BABYLON in REVELATION**	**First mention of Babylon in Book of Revelation,** the apocalypse with papal Rome,	First mention of Babylon in Revelation, representing Jerusalem, the pre-messianic age would follow the preaching of the Gospel among the nations. Or it could be Rome a duplicate of Old Babylon.	Ultimate triumph of the Lamb following his 2nd coming when he joins the 144,000 on Mt Zion & begins millennial reign. **First mention of Babylon in Revelation,** or it could be Rome a duplicate of Old Babylon, the mother of all false religious teaching.	Babylon is a symbol for human society organized against God. The center of idolatry.	Satan's counterfeit system, the world empire of false religion, 4th century Christendom, restoration of spiritual Israel in 1919. Remnant John Class spiritual resurrection, like locusts, Christs anointed brothers swarmed out of the abyss. **C. RUSSELL-All Nations have fallen, drunk with her wine.**
CH 14 – A 3rd angel warns about worshipping the wild beast or image, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.	Those with allegiance to the papacy taking the mark, drunk with the blood of the saints, God's indignation, fire and brimstone. The 2nd beatitude that those who die in the Lord are blessed, from now on.	The permanent destruction of the city of Babylon, whether Rome of Jerusalem, historical witness to Gpd's wrath toward sin. The 2nd beatitude that those who die in the Lord are blessed, from now on. Heaven open to God's people.	Judgement for anyone who worships the beast or its image, the wine of wrath full strength, not watered down, The 2nd beatitude that those who die in the Lord are blessed, from now on.	The wine of vengeance full strength not watered down or spice, eternal judgement, speculation whether the fire of hell is literal or even worse than fire. The 2nd beatitude that those who die in the Lord are blessed, from now on.	Those with the mark of the wild beast will be destroyed, as if by fire. Not Hell Fire. Those who are dead in union with Christ will be resurrected first. Next are the surviving remnant who survive until the Lord's day, will be caught away in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. **C. RUSSELL-Beast is the Church of England and false doctrines including hell torment. The first resurrection in 1878, the "John Class" raised instantly when they die,**

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CH 14 – The son of man sitting on a white cloud, golden crown & sharp sickle, another angel in heaven says: send the sickle to earth and reap the harvest.	Wheat harvest is the reception of the righteous into the kingdom. The crushing of the wine is an image of crushing the evil.	Not the 2nd coming of Christ, the first scene is the gathering of the righteous ones, second scene is the gathering of the wicked. Harvest of the land is the salvation of God's faithful people.	All agree the second scene is the horrendous judgement upon the wicked, same vision of the Son of man in Daniel 7:13, Christ himself.	This is the 3rd picture of the final judgement at Christ's coming, The church is first raptured. Then the wicked are gathered to judgement.	The same Jesus that Daniel saw in his vision, crowned as king, executes judgement on behalf of his Father. The harvest ingathering of the great crowd, **C. RUSSELL-The "Time of Trouble" begins, Jesus on cloud is the Bridegroom, Reaper, and King, harvesting the Jewish Age and harvesting the Gospel Age.**
CH 14 – an angel threw his sickle into the earth, gathered its grapes, and threw them in the winepress. They were trampled in the winepress and blood flowed out of them rising high as the horse's bridles for distance of 1600 furloughs.	Wine press contains the blood of the ones being judged, the 1,600 furlongs represent the enormity of the disaster, a great slaughter that produces a lake of blood.	Sickle applied to the vine of the earth is image of Israel, slaughter of Jerusalem by the Romans, in 70AD.	He declared that it is an end of the age, time for the wicked to be separated from the just, the vine is apostate Israel, church was raptured before the Tribulation.	Christ is the one sitting on the cloud, grapes gathered in 2nd phase of the harvest are trampled, representing the wicked, the number 1,600 furlongs represents completeness the inability of anyone escaping God's judgement.	Judgement must be executed. Whole nations will be destroyed when winepress is trampled. Satan tries to devour the seed of God's woman. **C. RUSSELL-gathered vines of the earth and cast into wine press, Darwin and Socrates physical degeneration, blood shed by Clergy who were responsible for war in Europe, WWI, 2100-mile battle line is the 1600 furloughs. Corporate body organized by Russell to finish His work.**
CH 15 – Seven angels with 7 plagues, the victorious ones standing on a glassy sea with fire, with harps singing song of Moses.	The final destruction of the antichristian power, the papacy, Standing before the throne are those who have victory over the beast.	The 7 last plagues will bring the final end to the once faithful Jerusalem, 70AD.	Presence of the sea of glass represents heaven, rapture already happened so must be the converted during the Great Tribulation. People put to death by beast living in heaven as embodied spirit.	The last judgement acts at the end of time, the saints are in heaven on sea of glass.	God's final judgements pronounced; the anger of God is brought to a finish. The ones with harps singing are the 24 elders and the 144,000. Triumph song. **C. RUSSELL-Sign of the Son of Man, begins the reign of Christ, end of Gentile times.**
CH 15 – Seven angels out of heaven having the 7 plagues, seven bowls filled with anger of God.	The last plagues extend to the end of secular history and the ultimate triumph of Christ. Over 2 more centuries from French revolution to now. No one can divert God's purpose.	King James bible refers to "Vials", but Greek word means "vessel" like a bowl, a chalice. Negative sacraments.	The temple is opened to let the 7 angels out.	John sees the temple in heaven was opened to allow angels to receive the 7 bowls.	The judgements started to be proclaimed in 1922, the John Class remnant reveal the contents of the bowls of God's anger, God's judgment will have been executed. **C. RUSSELL-Fulfillment of Mosaic dispensation & Gospel Dispensation, world judgement day is 1,000 years.**

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CH 16 – The first angel poured bowl onto the earth, came ugly & painful sores on men with the mark of the beast.	Not yet affecting the papacy, book "The Rise & Fall of the Papacy" judgement on the Latin Kingdom, French Revolution, 1793, power of Popes in France shattered.	Shifting from Jerusalem to Rome as the object of wrath, Jews in Palestine who rejected Christ in favor of Rome, "We have no king but Caesar", symbolic boils.	Judgements follow each other in quick succession, many take plague literal, timing of these plagues just prior to 2nd coming of Christ, Lindsey says sores could be from radioactive bombs.	The voice from the temple giving orders is God himself, trumpets and bowls occurring simultaneously, incurable ulcers and disease, some take boils symbolically.	Since 1922 they have been marked in public having rejected the living God. Spiritually unclean and ulcerated. **C. RUSSELL-sores on the Catholics & Protestants affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches.**
CH 16 – The 2nd angel pored his bowl on the sea and it became blood of dead men.	Imagery implying the ocean discolored, judgement upon the papacy, annihilation of naval force, destroyed navy fleets of France, 1793.	Same event as the trumpets, significance is symbolic, Josephus describes battle on the Sea of Galilee, Romans overtook fleeing Jews.	Not sure if it is symbolic or literal, some recall the "Red Tide" where all sea life dies, Hal Lindsey continues with nuclear war motif.	Sea symbolizes all of humanity, God uses sea to inflict punishment, shipwrecks, sea battles, tsunamis, sea food supply.	The sea is like blood, that is why Christians must be no part of this world. **C. RUSSELL-Every living creature in the sea dies.**
CH 16 – The 3rd angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and fountains and they became blood.	Fulfillment on Europe, the Rhine & Po rivers, Northern Italy territory, In 1796 Napoleon led French army across alps, conflicts fought on rivers, all papal states. In the times of Papal persecutions these valleys flowed with blood of saints.	Some believe it is directed against Roman empire, but best describes the polluted waters during the siege of Jerusalem. The killing of the prophets was the sin of Israel and Jerusalem, the characteristic crime of Israel.	Literal fulfillment, the bloodletting during the great tribulation, as saints are slaughtered by the thousands is without parallel in human history.	Most see the imagery of judgement on the rivers as merely a device to show God's ability to suit the punishment to the crime of the sinners. Once the empire made blood of the martyrs run like water, they deserve God's judge.	These rivers and fountains represent the so-called fresh sources of guidance and wisdom accepted by this world; economic, political, scientific, educational, social & religious philosophies. Massive blood shed during 2 world wars. **C. RUSSELL-True and righteous are Thy judgements. Teachings of Great Pyramid.**
CH 16 – The 4th angel poured out his bowl onto the sun with power to scorch men with fire.	The main actor is the sun, or a prominent ruler, diminished the powers of the papal kingdoms, Maybe Napoleon who scorched every kingdom inn Europe.	The tyranny of the **Jewish Zealot Leaders** terrorized the citizens inside the city of Jerusalem. For breaking the covenant God will strike you with a scorching.	The supreme authority governing the Roman Empire. Flares of nuclear fire blasts from the sun.	Avoids identifying any activity of history with the sun, the sun is used to hurt and kill unrepentant men.	Represent the League of Nations, Fascism, Nazism, Communism, also the horrendous nuclear weapon's capable of incinerating all mankind. **C. RUSSELL-The power was given to him to scorch men that worshipped the beast and its image.**

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CH 16 – The 5th one poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, kingdom dark and pain.	Reference to Rome, following the revolutionary outbreak of 1797, by French troops, demanding the overthrow of the papal authority.	The throne of the beast refers to the city of Rome, the overthrow of rulers like Nero.	The political power of the beast, but not the complete judgement on the two beasts yet.	The center of the antichristian government, punishment of pagan Rome, and all future anti-God forces on earth.	The wild beast is Satan's earthly government system, loving the darkness rather than the light, so we cannot expect a mass conversion before the end of this system. **C. RUSSELL-Vial – Cup, the church itself does not believe their doctrines of Trinity, immortality, eternal torment, Papal Doctrines of ignorance. Churches in decline.**
CH 16 – Out of mouth of dragon, beast, and false prophet 3 unclean frogs (demons). **ARMAGEDDON ONLY MENTIONED ONCE IN REVELATION.**	Euphrates points to Turkish power, the 3 spirits **paganism, papacy, and Islam**, False prophet Mohammed. Battle of Armageddon as metaphor, others believe it is a literal battle, 1914-1918,	Cyrus the Persian diverted the flow of the Euphrates to dry up the river under Babylon, they just walked under the wall. Many different interpretations of Armageddon.	Symbolizes the rising power of parts of the Orient, Japan, China, India, their way cleared by the drying of the Euphrates. Armageddon taken symbolically, the final overthrow of evil forces.	The Euphrates symbolizes an obstruction to invaders. The final triumph of Christ over all evil forces, Armageddon an imaginary name for symbolic battle, between antichrist and Messiah.	Drying up of the Euphrates river removes defense system. Unclean expressions symbolizing propaganda designed to oppose God. The false Prophet. **C. RUSSELL-Christians must discriminate between doctrines and truth, the 3 truths are mortal nature of man, Christ of God, and His Millennial kingdom, Frogs come out of Papal mouth.**
CH 16 – Assemble for the great War at Harmagedon, the 7th pours his bowl in the air, and a great earthquake occurred like never before.	Fulfillment of this bowl yet to come, darkening political atmosphere and sounds of wars, bringing down all illegitimate governments, downfall of Babylon who is papal Rome. The ultimate overthrow of the Papacy.	We finally see the fall of pagan Rome in 476AD, In Jerusalem, the words THE SON COMETH. The old covenant vanished away.	The air is Satan's sphere, his power and dominion are now dealt with in God's wrath. Hal Lindsey sees literal earthquakes and nuclear exchange. The utter destruction of every spiritual and religious institution against God.	**The air is symbolic of the realm of Satan's power.** **Harmagedon only occurs once in the Bible.**	**Harmagedon only occurs once in the Bible**. *Rev. 16:16.* Nuclear Armageddon, Gog of Magog, Air is the final life sustaining medium to be plagued, not the literal air, Satanic air breathed by the world. **C. RUSSELL-WWI was just a preliminary skirmish, social revolution in 3 parts, Socialism, Imperialism, Representative governments. Voices of The Great Company rising after the Little Flock.**

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CH 16 – a great hailstorm	Not to be taken literally	The weight of a talent = 100 pounds.	Not to be taken literally	A picture of total devastation.	God's final judgment on mankind. **C. RUSSELL- 1917-1920**
CH 17 – One of 7 angels with 7 bowls shows judgement of great Harlot, a woman sitting on scarlet beast, filled with names of blasphemy, having 7 heads & 10 horns. Clothed in purple 7 scarlet, gold cup.	The fall of Babylon is the overthrow of the Papal system of religion and government, yet to be seen. Babylon is the Church of Rome, desert is Campagna near Rome, colors purple & scarlet like the great basilicas of Rome, Abominations or idols characterize roman church.	Babylon is identified with **either Jerusalem or Rome**, same beast from the sea and chapter 13, colors represent Imperial Rome, but overwhelming scripture evidence points toward Jerusalem as Harlot, great city was used for Jerusalem, division in 3 parts is Jerusalem, OT uses harlot as Jerusalem, Rome did not have covenant with God, Jerusalem charges with blood of the prophets.	Babylon may represent the **Catholic Church** or a revived Rome, during the first part of the Great Tribulation, and may include Judaism, the harlot being more than just one city. **Mounce identifies Babylon as "a dominate word system,"** the scarlet beast is the same as chapter 13, coming out of the sea.	Babylon represents the world system as a seducer of the ungodly, fornication of kings of the earth refers to purchasing the favor of Rome and her idolatries, the same scarlet beast from chapter 13 from the sea,	The harlot represents the entire world empire of false religion, Babylon the great, a different beast from before, different color, this is the image of the wild beast, picturing the League of Nations, and the United Nations, linked to Christendom. Dec 1918 The National Council of the Churches of Christ, a political expression of Christ's kingdom on earth. **C. RUSSELL-Papacy Last Stand, Harlot is Roman Catholic Church, scarlet Beast is Pagan Rome, Pope makes himself as God, Blasphemy.**
CH 17 – on her forehead, Babylon The Great, drunk from the blood of the saints, the mystery revealed.	Seven headed Beast is Rome, 7 kings represent 7 forms of government under Rome, kings, consuls, dictators, decemvirs, military tribunes, Caesars, and the Dukedom of Rome.	Seven headed Beast is Rome, 7 mountains are 7 kings, Julius Caesar, Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero, and the 7th Galba for a short while,	7 mountains or 7 kings are the 7 empires, Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and the 7th not yet come.	The Beast is describing Nero, 7 mountains are Ancient Babylonia, Assyria, New Babylonia, Medo-Persia, Greco-Macedonia, Rome,	Her name a mystery, Babylon the Great, all false religion, JWs thought WW2 would escalate to the Battle of Armageddon. **C. RUSSELL-Blood of Protestants is not blood of the saints, most of martyrs have their place in heaven with The Great Company, Russell not completely sure of CH 17 fulfillment.**
CH 17 – The 7 heads are 7 mountains, 7 kings are 5 that fell, one that is, and one yet to come. And the 10 horns are 10 kings, which received no kingdom yet, they get one hour with the beast.	Ten Romano-Gothic kingdoms, Anglo-Saxons, Franks, Alleman-Franks, Burgundic-Franks, Visigoths, Suevi, the Vandals, the Ostrogoths, Bavarians, and the Lombard's.	Represent 10 kings also, kings and countries subjected by Rome, the allies of Rome during the Jewish wars,	10 horns with the 10 toes of Nebuchadnezzar's dream,	Kings from the east refers to power of the Empire, some believe kings to be from the future kingdoms, others believe it represents realm of art, education, commerce, industry, government,	The League of Nations plunged into an abyss in 1942. Scarlet wild beast emerged from the abyss in 1945 the UN, Mystery revealed by an angel, the 7 empires including Britain-USA, The United Nations designated as a world government. Smaller nations appear for a short time. Downfall of nationalism. **C. RUSSELL-Five are Regal, Republic, Decemvirate, Triumvirate, Dictatorship, and the dragon is Pagan Rome.**

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CH 17 – The Lamb will make war; the Lamb will overcome. The water you saw are people and crowds.	Calling the harlot "the great city which reigns over kings" would point to Rome, Papal Rome.	The waters that you saw would fit the identification of the woman with Rome, Jewish synagogues were located all through every city of thee Roman Empire,	Same Beast as Daniel saw rising out of sea, and will make war with the Lamb, waters should be taken literally,	Whomever the 10 kings are, they will make war on the Lamb,	Political governments of the world will turn on Babylon the Great, they will plunder her wealth, the UN is the wild beast and joins them in the rampage, God uses human rulers again in executing judgement. **C. RUSSELL-suppress message of Present Truth, self-preservation of Christendom. The door to the Gospel age will be closed.**
CH 17 – The 10 horns will hate the Harlot, and the woman is the great city and she will rule over the kings of the earth.	Burning of the woman with fire, burning of Rome by the Gothic powers in 5th and 6th centuries,	Downfall of Rome, 50,000 dead bodies lay in ghastly heaps, destruction of Jerusalem.	When the Beast has no further use for the woman, he will turn his loyal dogs upon her, dogs meaning kings, 10 kings will eat her flesh.	The wicked give way to jealousy and hatred, mutual hatred results in mutual destruction.	The demise of Babylon the great will mark the start of the "Great Tribulation." Time of fulfilment: 1919 till after the Great Tribulation. **C. RUSSELL-** Great City is now Europe & America, the Pope and Papacy of Rome is re-established in the world.
CH 18 – Angel cries, **Babylon has fallen**, a dwelling place for demons and every unclean spirit, Kings & merchants got rich in her fornication.	Babylon not destroyed but judgement is eminent, the spiritual Babylon is papal Rome will be reduced to a state of utter destruction, the Papacy.	The fall of Rome in 476 or the fall of Jerusalem in 70AD, Jerusalem was filled with demons as Jesus predicted, statement about the merchants fits Rome the best,	Mysterious Babylon is systems of spirits and false religion, second Babylon as a city, a political Babylon vs a commercial Babylon,	Babylon has great authority and radiance, a prison of unclean spirits, kings and merchants have consorted with her to become rich,	In 1914 the Christ was installed on his throne by God in the heavens with authority over the earth, so by 1919 Babylon the Great had fallen, but not destroyed, sales of weapons and armament are big business worldwide, **C. RUSSELL-Men ordaining men for the Gospel ministry, The earth is Enlightened, Lots of discoveries since 1874, machines, weapons, medicine**
CH 18 – I sit a Queen, her plagues shall come in one day, and kings shall watch her smoke from afar, merchants of the earth weep from afar, unable to sell their cargo.	"Come out of her my people," those who were true people of God, separate from her, Reformation, Protestants separate from the sins and plagues of the papacy.	"Come out of her my people," eludes to the OT against Babylon and Jerusalem, same as warning to Christians before destruction of Jerusalem, Sodom is symbolic name of Jerusalem.	"Come out of her my people," to whatever Godly people may have survived and not been translated late in the Tribulation, Avoid her sins and her portion of the plagues, devastating fire possibly nuclear missiles.	"Come out of her my people," complete separation of saints from Asia from their pagan neighbors,	God's people need to separate from her, merchants mourn at the loss of their commercial partner, **C. RUSSELL- Glorifies herself just like Papacy, smoke is evidence of destruction, 1918, Pope repudiates blasphemous titles, loss of business and jobs.**

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CH 18 – List of trade items, spices, incenses, food, gold, silver, stones, wine, sheep, horses, slaves. The city was made desolate in one hour.	Imagery comes from Ezekiel 27, fall of the city of Tyre, Papal Rome likened to Tyre in pride, luxury, economy, trade and sale of indulgences, papal bulls, absolutions, the Church of Rome has shed more innocent blood than any other institution that existed.	Babylon falls suddenly in one hour, the fall of Babylon will be permanent, abundance of luxury commodities,	Merchants don't care about Babylon, they care about their business, this will be a massive stock market crash on a worldwide scale, the greatest panic is when there is no market recovery.	Imagery comes from Ezekiel 27, fall of the city of Tyre, links Babylon closely with Rome, lowest value attributes to the souls of men,	The items that made the merchants rich. **C. RUSSELL-Gold is Divine Truth, Silver is Truth of The Great Company, Cinnamon is understanding, myrrh is wisdom, judgement in one year 1917-18, vengeance began 1878 until last member of The Great Company is delivered.**
CH 18 – A mighty angel threw a mill stone into the sea, thus with violence Babylon will be thrown down. No more music, no more lite.	ecclesiastical Rome to be destroyed by earthquake and volcanic fie, casting of millstone echoes similar predictions by Jeremiah, Papal Rome has deceived and deluded the nations on earth.	Babylon can be either Rome or Jerusalem, except Rome did not fall suddenly.	The removal of Babylon makes way for the city of God,	Babylon is the seductive world system which comes to n end with the coming of Christ.	Confirms that God's judgement on Babylon the Great is final. **C. RUSSELL-the mighty angel is the common people, Babylon never to rise again.**
CH 19 – Halleluiah! Four times! Marriage of the Lamb and wife.	With the fall of the Papal system the Church is prepared to join Christ, and to be recognized as His beautiful bride,	Declare the reign of God, the final divorce of the unfaithful wife in 70AD, and the marriage of the Church firmly established,	Alleluia 4 times was the only time that word is used in the New testament, the marriage of the Lamb is certainly figurative and the ultimate union of Christ with His people, The Word Church is NOT used here. Marriage immediately after the Rapture of the Church, CH4, Divine purpose not the same for Israel & Gentiles.	Closing of ACT VI. Marriage follows Jewish customs; begins with binding the marriage, time for the groom to pay dowry, then take the bride to the groom's home of parents, wedding supper, Christ paid dowry on Calvary, wedding announced in OT, wedding on day of Christ's 2nd advent.	Praise Jah. The God of the Christian Greek scriptures is the same God as the earlier Hebrew scriptures, Jehovah God rules as King. The 144,000 the final John classes raised to heaven for the marital evening meal. **C. RUSSELL-Overthrow Satan's Empire, 24 elders are Prophecies, 4 beasts are Power, Justice, Wisdom, Love, The Great Company are like Bridesmaids.**
CH 19 – Heavens open and saw a white horse and the one riding it called "Faithful & True". Judges and makes war. THE WORD OF GOD. KING of KINGS LORD of LORDS. Birds eat the flesh of kings	Either the ongoing victories accomplished by the church or Christ's continuing judgement upon His enemies, The final end of the Beast and the False prophet, Papal power.	Second coming at the end of the present age, not in this section, continued warfare through the church the conquering power of the Gospel, all nations shall be Christianized, victory of Christ through the church. the Beast and the False prophet receive judgement, Christ is never said to return on a horse. Losers of the battle become food for the birds.	Christ accompanied by armies in heaven, He is the Christ, Faithful & True, symbolic sword and word of the Gospel and judgement, lethal power of His word. The outcome of those who foolishly oppose Christ.	Only the son of God can understand the mystery of His own Being, the word that Christ spoke will judge men, the sword is not the comfort of the Gospel, Christ casts the Beast and the False Prophet into the Lake of Fire,	Jesus Christ himself leads the armies of heaven to destroy Satan's system of things. The son of man is Jesus, Immanuel, and Michael. Since 1914 he is called; Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace, The Word of God. Armageddon will bring Salvation for God's people. **C. RUSSELL-God of Justice, name is "Word of God"**

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	The binding of Satan is yet future, will take place when Christ returns, 1,000 years is a literal period of Christs reign on earth, loosing of Satan climax.	Binding of Satan & victory of Christ, 1,000 year is symbolic of a long Church age, Satan be loosed briefly at the end of the present age, fire from heaven will consume wicked, Christ comes resurrection & judgement.	Binding of Satan at a future time when gospel has reduced his influence, the 1,000 years may or may not be literal, final loosen of Satan, Christ's judgement.		The Great Evening Meal of God, of those who stubbornly refuse to submit themselves to God's appointed King. **C. RUSSELL-Teachings clean & pure, sword is the truth, the Beast is caught, fed to birds.**
CH 20 – Bound the Devil for **1,000 years**, cast into the **Abyss for 1,000 years**, so no longer mislead the nations. **1,000 YEARS MENTIONED SIX TIMES IN REVELATION**	After the 2nd coming of Christ, Satan locked in abyss, by Michael the angel? He has the key, sin still exists, **Satan not yet bound,**	The angel who binds Satan may be Michael, or Christ himself, Chain not literal, dragon & serpent not literal, Lamb not literal, 1,000 years not literal, **Devil is rendered incapable of resistance.**	The successful preaching of the gospel worldwide results in subordination of all nations which precedes Christs 2nd coming. Satan's influence no longer on nations, Golden age.	The use of a thousand years is most likely a symbolic number representing a long period of time.	The abyssing of Satan, the Millennial reign, mankind's final test, and Satan's destruction, from the end of the Great Tribulation to the destruction of Satan. **C. RUSSELL-Millennial of Papacy was dark ages 800 – 1799AD, gradual work of God 1,000 years.**
CH 20 – The one sitting on throne judging first the ones who died because of Jesus, **The first resurrected** will be priests of God and Christ for **1,000 years**. Immortal. **The rest of the dead did not live again till end of the 1,000-year reign**,	Seated on thrones? Angels? 24 elders? Martyrs? The saints both OT & NT? They have right to judge, priests to help Christ rule the nations for millennium, the first resurrection, rest of dead resurrected after 1,000 years symbolic,	Describes the departed saints in heaven after death, but prior to the resurrection, 24 elders are in heaven, likewise the martyrs in Christ are in heaven. Time period from John's own century to today is the thousand years which is actually double that, thousand is always symbolic.	Chilton points out that the first resurrection may have been Christ, and possibly all his believers as well, then they receive the 2nd resurrection later. See comments in red.	There is a spiritual first resurrection of saints, priests who rule & judge with Christ. Then there is only one physical resurrection at the end of Christ's millennial reign. Do the saints get a physical resurrection after Christ's reign is finished?	After Satan is in the abyss, the 1,000-year reign can begin, The ones sitting on thrones are the 12 apostles and Paul & the Corinthian Christians & the faithful of Laodicea. The 1,000-year reign is Literal since it appears 3 times in Revelation 20:5-7. **C. RUSSELL-First resurrection of Little Flock are immortal,** The John Class on earth.
CH 20 –Rev 20:11 - Then I saw a great white throne, the book of life was opened, death and hades gave up their dead to be judged according to their works in the book written, the sea gave up its dead to be judged.	Either God or Jesus on throne, now at the end the time for resurrection and judgement is here, the book of life only has names, the other books include works and deeds, 2nd death is lake of fire.	The only and ultimate judgement at the coming of Christ, there will be more than one category for being judged, books and The book of Life, includes believers and unbelievers, dead judged by their works, Christians by their faith. Hades eliminated.	Final judgement at the end of the world, Jesus on throne, judging of sheep and goats, the righteous have already been resurrected at the beginning of millennium, Satan is destroyed in second death.		The rest of the dead must be raised **before** the end of the 1,000-year Day of Reign. Pre-Christian witnesses, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the great crowd. **C. RUSSELL- The next raised are the Great Company of prophets including Abraham, Jacob, Isaac, Moses, Raised to same status as Adam Perfect man on earth to help transition process, teachers, Levite Class on earth and raised to Heaven when earthly work is finished. Followed be the faithful and true Jews and martyrs who lived clean life on earth and kept their robes white and unspotted.** The last ones are raised and judged & separated like goats & sheep.

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Book of Revelation Matrix	Progressive Dispensation *Premillennial* **historicist**	**Preterist - Idealists** A-Millennial eschatology			**JW.org** Russell vs Rutherford. Some Millerites / Adventist
Ministers & pastors	Alford, Milligan, Weidner, Fausset, Lange,	Augustine, Kliefoth,	Daniel Whitby, Jonathan Edwards, David Clark, Hodge	Wilson, Homer Hailey, Morey, Wilcock, CS Lewis	Charles Taze Russell Joseph Franklin Rutherford
CH 20 – after the **1,000 years** the Devil is loosed, to deceive the nations, then be destroyed along with all that follow him.	Either a very brief time released not interrupting the reign of the saints, to prove the character of those born during the millennium, others think it will be longer and with the same results of the nations.	Satan released for a brief period at the end of the Christian era, an ultimate setback for the church, return to paganistic state, persecution of the church on a large scale.	Toward the end of a very long period of Christian ascendancy Satan is released, Many follow him numbered by the sands of the sea.		End of 1,000 years all of earth will resemble Eden, Jesus hands over the kingdom back to his Father, Almighty God. The numbers of those who will join Satan like the sands of sea, **C. RUSSELL-Devil released for short while; many join him in Final Death.**
CH 20 – They are cast into the Lake of Fire, **the second death.**	many following the path of Satan to 2nd death	Then the 2nd coming of the Lord to destroy Satan and followers.	Apostates rebel and surround the church, fire comes down from heaven to destroy Satan & followers		The second death, no keys, no eternal suffering, just total antihalation, JWs use Greek explanation from Septuagint? **C. RUSSELL-Satan, demons and all unfaithful men die eternal. Close of Millennial Age.**
CH 20: 10 - CH 20 – then death and Hades were hurled into the Lake of fire, this **means the second death**, whoever was not found in the book of life was hurled into the lake of fire.	Personified as demonic powers death and Hades are cast into the lake of fire. *Note: The golden age of peace will not be realized until Jesus returns. He will then bind Satan for 1,000 years and reign over the earth. The saint's rule with him experienced resurrection earlier at His coming. Satan given one last chance to deceive people and then he will be destroyed.*	Includes believers as well as unbelievers, *Note: the Millennium represents the present age extending over 2,000 years so far, Christ bound Satan when he lived and died on earth, long ago. In the future, Satan will again be loosed to disrupt church. The second coming of Christ will be Satan's demise. New eternal creation devoid of death.*	Christ must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy destroyed will be death. *Note: There will be a future Golden Age during which Satan is bound and peace will prevail on earth. Not accomplished by Christs return but by the power of the gospel preached through the church of all nations. After 1,000 years Satan is released on man again, His judgement will be at the return of Christ. Followed by a resurrection and judgement of all people.*		The general resurrection, judgement day. And blessings of a new heaven and new earth, fulfilled during the Literal 1,000-year reign of Christ. Throne of God himself, delegating judgement to his Son, the great crowd who survive the great Tribulation must be judged, **C. RUSSELL-The Ancient worthies out rank the Great Company, many of the Ancient Worthies are of the Levite class and have no earthly inheritance and will become part of Great Company spirit plane, The scroll of life includes Moses, and other scrolls include 20 billion of the dead. By the end of the millennial judgement day death and Hades are removed,**

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Ministers & pastors	Alford, Milligan, Weidner, Fausset, Lange,	Augustine, Kliefoth,	Daniel Whitby, Jonathan Edwards, David Clark, Hodge	Wilson, Homer Hailey, Morey, Wilcock, CS Lewis	Charles Taze Russell Joseph Franklin Rutherford
CH 21:1 – And I saw **a New Heaven & a New Earth**, the first heaven & earth passed away, and the city, **a New Jerusalem I saw coming down out of heaven from God.**	Literalists: taking these chapters fairly literally means a brand-new planet and universe, which will be created **after the close of the millennium**. Futurist belief.	Literalists: taking these chapters fairly literally means a brand-new planet and universe, which will be **created at the second coming of Christ. CH 19.** Passing away of the Old Covenant.	Literalists: taking these chapters fairly literally means a brand-new planet and universe, which will be **created at the second coming of Christ.** Passing away of the Old Covenant.	Literalists: taking these chapters fairly literally means a brand-new planet and universe, which will be created after the close of the millennium, or else at the second coming of Christ. The New Jerusalem described here will be the eternal home of the redeemed.	Angel takes John back to the beginning of the 1,000-year reign, promise fulfilled during Lord's Day, The New Jerusalem is the bride of Christ and faithful Christians, the government of the new system of things, Jerusalem not literally coming down from heaven, During the Millennial God will reside among mankind, at the end of 1,000 years Jesu hands over Kingdom it God. **C. RUSSELL-The Golden Age should be called, "The new heavens & new earth." Spiritual government. The Descending Kingdom of God.**
CH 21 – Will wipe out every tear off their eyes, death be no more, pain be no more.	Whomever lives and believes in Christ shall never die. Religion is not a single, separate sphere of human life.	Whomever lives and believes in Christ shall never die. Religion is not a single, separate sphere of human life.	Whomever lives and believes in Christ shall never die. Religion is not a single, separate sphere of human life.	Non-Literalist: spiritualize the whole vision, as a nonmaterial state of existence in heaven. The New Jerusalem represents the church itself in its present earthly existence.	God's promise to mankind. Revelation brought to a sublime climax by the final transcendent view of New Jerusalem. **C. RUSSELL-No hunger or pain, yet man will still require food and water to sustain his life or he will die. Not immortal.**
CH 21 – One of 7 angels with 7 bowls says I will show you the bride, The Holy City Jerusalem coming down from heaven, 12 high gates named after the 12 tribes of the sons of Israel,	The Church as a Spiritual City.	The Church as a Spiritual City.	The Church as a Spiritual City.		Radiant as a new bride. The symbolic city is made up of the 144,000 who were sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Israel, **C. RUSSELL-** The Gates represent the Ancient Worthies as mentioned in Isaiah 26:2, perhaps another 144,000 of them.

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Description	Historicist	Preterist	Futurist	Spiritual Idealist	Other
Book of Revelation Matrix	Progressive Dispensation Premillennial historicist	**Preterist** Post-Millennial (Optimism)	Classical Dispensation Premillennial- **futurist**	**Idealist** - spiritual Amillennial - **Idealist**	Adventist / JW.org Heaven & Earth Eschatology
Ministers & pastors	Matthew Henry, Adam Clarke E.B. Elliott	David Clark David Chilton, Milton Terry, Moses Stuart	**Hal Lindsey. Mounce, Ironside, John Darby**	Wilson, Homer Hailey, Morey, Wilcock, CS Lewis	Charles Taze Russell Joseph Franklin Rutherford
CH 21 – The 12 foundations having the names of the 12 apostles of the Lamb, measures the city, lists the precious stones.	Further evidence for identifying the city with the Church.	Further evidence for identifying the city with the Church.	Further evidence for identifying the city with the Church.	Futurists will mostly take the language literally, applying all things to a physical reality.	14 x as large as Modern Israel, 144-cubit high stands for the 144,000 remnants, **C. RUSSELL-First Book written by Charles Russell, "The Three Worlds," about a dream he had of Jewels and diamonds.**
CH 21 – No temple, God & Christ are the temple, **LORD GOD & LAMB ARE THE TEMPLE**	No physical temple needed to worship God.	No physical temple needed to worship God.	No physical temple needed to worship God.	Others may take it to be the heavenly abode of all who are saved, described as terrestrial symbolism.	No need for literal temple, God will become the everlasting light, **C. RUSSELL-The Lord God & The Lamb are the Temple.**
CH 22 – Tree of life producing 12 fruits according to each month,	This river is symbolic rather than literal for the water multiplies itself miraculously. Final blessing & final curse.	This river is symbolic rather than literal for the water multiplies itself miraculously. Final blessing & final curse.	This river is symbolic rather than literal for the water multiplies itself miraculously. Final blessing & final curse.		A continual variety of sustaining fruits. **C. RUSSELL-The River of Grace & Truth.**

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"Israel as a nation will be the first among the nations to come into harmony with the new order of things; the earthly Jerusalem will be rebuilt upon her old heaps; and their polity will be restored as in the beginning under princes of judges. (Isa. 1:26; Psa. 45:16; Jer. 20:18."— (A294.) " 'Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the Prophets' *and Ancient Worthies* referred to by our Lord and by the Apostles (Matt. 8:11; Heb. 11:4-40), having passed their trial, will be awakened from death perfect. "Just as Adam, while perfect, before transgression, could commune directly with the Heavenly powers, so will these *Worthies* commune, when restored to the same state of perfection." (D619.) "The veil which Moses wore before the people but laid off when with the Lord in the Mount, would seem to typify the earthly phase of his Kingdom, the 'princes in all the earth.' " (D630.) "The friendship of David and Jonathan seems to be suggestive of that beautiful accord which shall exist between the glorified FM309 Church and the earthly princes who shall be next to them in the Kingdom of God. Each will be delighted to fill his honored place in the wonderful Plan of God and will love the other as his own soul." (Z.'95-291.) "As we consider the heavens, the work of God's hands, and the innumerable worlds therein under preparation for inhabitants, we may reasonably suppose that **these Ancient Worthies**, who were faithful during the reign of evil, even unto death, will have some further honorable service, not only during the Millennial Age, but subsequently. For various reasons, therefore, we rank them higher in honor **than the Great Company."** (Z.'04-313.) "These *Ancient Worthies* will be unlike the remainder of mankind, not alone in the fact that their trial is

past while the trial of the world in general will just be beginning; but they will be unlike them also in the fact that they will have attained the reward or their faithfulness— they will be perfect men. They will commune directly with Heavenly spirit powers just like Adan could do. When Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all the Ancient Worthies have been resurrected, and shall appear amongst the regathered Israelites, their perfect minds will quickly grasp present-day knowledge and inventions. (John 7:15.) And as Jesus taught the people positively, definitely, clearly, and not doubtfully and in a confused way, as did the scribes, so it will be with the *perfected Ancient Worthies*, when they appear amongst men."— D625. "Isa. 11:10 points us to the Millennial Day, and another root of Jesse, as connected with the blessing of the Gentiles. This latter seed seems to be referred to also in Heb. 11:39, 40. *The Ancient Worthies* shall not only be the princes, the representatives of the spiritual, invisible Kingdom, but also grand ensigns or standards set up before mankind, as illustrations of what all mankind may attain unto." (Z.'98-312.) "The painful experiences of *the Ancient Worthies* during the Jewish age will be a store of blessings, instruction and help, by which they, when made subordinate ‘princes' in the Kingdom, will assist in the restitution work." (T111.) "While *the Worthies* are not in any sense part of the Sin-Offering, they are nevertheless connected with the cleansing from sin: their ashes (the knowledge and remembrance of their faithfulness unto death), mingled with the water of Truth, and applied with the purgative, cleansing hyssop, is valuable, purifying, sanctifying." (T1O8.) "The service which the Ancient Worthies will be given will be more than God would ordinarily entrust to a perfect human being. It will be a part of this service to deal with the imperfect, fallen creatures and to help them up out of sin and imperfection. While in one sense of the word this work is desirable, FM310 yet it is not what a perfect human being would prefer. These Ancient Worthies will come forth from the tomb perfect; but during the entire Millennium they will be amidst imperfect surroundings. "A part of the evidence that the Ancient Worthies will be made sharers of the spirit nature and become members of the Great Company class is built upon the fact that they seem to be represented typically by the tribe of Levi. The fact that this tribe had no inheritance in the land seems to imply that the Ancient Worthies will have no earthly inheritance. Since the Heavenly Father has been pleased to arrange for the Great Company a place on the spirit plane, and since He is operating according to some general principles of righteousness, we are inclined to think that He may have something more for the Ancient Worthies than will come to the remainder of mankind. When Abraham was called upon to offer up his son Isaac, he exhibited a degree of loyalty greater than the Great Company will be called upon to manifest. Furthermore, in Gen. 17:8, God said unto Abraham, ‘And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.' Two thousand years, later, St. Stephen said that God never gave Abraham so much as a foot of the promised land (Acts 7:5); but he implied that Abraham will yet receive that land and afterward leave it to his posterity. If the land is to be given to Abraham and his coadjutors, and then to be left to his seed and mankind in general, the thought would seem to be implied that the Ancient Worthies will pass to the spirit nature."— Z.'13-52. " ‘O Jerusalem lift up thy voice with strength! [After the Church, the Bride, has been glorified with the Lord, the faithful ones of the fleshly seed of Abraham will begin to come into prominence before the world by reason of the leaders whom God will then raise up for them.] Lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah [all who shall then be in covenant relationship with God], Behold! Your God is here.' [Thus the message now given by ‘the feet' of Christ— that the Millennial Kingdom is already beginning its rule (Isa. 52:7)— will be taken up by the earthly class when the ‘feet of Him' have passed beyond the veil.]— Isa. 40:9."— Z.'92-78

The entire text of The Finished Mystery includes dialog about the role of THE GREAT COMPANY. As you can imagine, I was very surprised to learn about this early belief by THE INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS and CHARLES TAZE RUSSELL who started the Watchtower Bible & Tract. I was also surprised by the 2 classes of the Great Crowd, which is mentioned many times throughout this book. *The Christian class are judged by FAITH. The older Jewish class judged by WORKS.*

Prior to 1935, all "true Christians" were said to be anointed and called to heaven. Therefore, everyone associating with the Watchtower Society prior to 1935 was automatically part of the heavenly class. Those who converted after 1935 generally are told they have an earthly hope. What makes this doctrine quite absurd is that it indicates God could only find 144,000 true Christians over a period of 2000 years, yet over 6 million true Witness Christians since 1935.

Again from 1878 to 1935, tens of thousands attained the equally high standards that were required to receive the calling. We find that over 52,000 Jehovah's Witnesses claimed the heavenly calling by taking the emblems in 1935. – JW.org.

The number 144,000 is mentioned just twice in the Bible:

***Revelation* 7:3,4** - ""Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until after we have sealed the slaves of our God in their foreheads." And I heard the number of those who were sealed, a hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Israel."

***Revelation* 14:1, 4-5** - "And I saw, and, look! the Lamb standing upon the Mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand having his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads. ...These are the ones that did not defile themselves with women; in fact, they are virgins. These are the ones that keep following the Lamb no matter where he goes. These were bought from among mankind as first fruits to God and to the Lamb, and no falsehood was found in their mouths; they are without blemish."

When was the calling of the Little Flock Remnant closed?

Russell had said that all 144,000 had been chosen by 1881 and presented a number of Biblical reasons why this was the case.

"Remember, too, that the Scriptures proved to us in various ways-by the Jubilee Cycles, the 1335 days of Daniel, the Parallel Dispensations, etc.-that the "harvest" or end of this age was due to begin in October, 1874, and that the Great Reaper was then due to be present; that seven years later-in October, 1881-the "high calling" ceased, though some will be admitted to the same favors afterward, without a general call being made, to fill the places of some of the called ones who, on being tested, will be found unworthy." *Thy Kingdom Come* p.362

"And the three and a half years following the Spring of A.D. 1878, which ended October, A.D. 1881, correspond to the three and a half years of continued favor to individual Jews in the last half of their seventieth week of favor. As in the type that date-three and a half years after the death of Christ-marked the end of all special favor to the Jew and the beginning of favor to the Gentiles, so we recognize A.D. 1881 as marking the close of the special favor to Gentiles-the close of the "high calling," or invitation to the blessings peculiar to this age-to become joint-heirs with Christ and partakers of the divine nature." *The Time Is At Hand* 1916 ed. p.235

In 2021 there were many more partakers of the emblems at The JW Memorial Service than ever before. The time has passed that anyone of the Little Flock could still be alive on earth, so what new information regarding the remnant will be disclosed to the *JW.org* by God soon?

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